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Chairman  
Committee on Documentation

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Dear [Redacted]

As you turn over to General Taylor of the NIPE Staff the chairmanship of the USIB Committee on Documentation, I do want to note with appreciation the contribution which you have made during the more than ten years you have served as Chairman of CODIB and its predecessor under the IAC.

While information processing has not commanded as much attention in the past as collection management or intelligence production, it is certainly of great concern to us today, particularly since the introduction of new computer technology. Many of the areas to which you drew community management attention over the years are matters of high continuing interest. For example, the first CODIB Annual Report in 1959 mentioned the need for training in and application of automatic data processing techniques, the development of community information processing standards, compatible systems developments, and the like.

Throughout its history, CODIB has made an increasing impact, culminating in its catalytic report on community-wide information processing activities known as the SCIPS study. This study, while generating much controversy within CODIB itself, was of considerable interest to McGeorge Bundy, the BOB and the PFIAB, and served as a springboard for many of the activities and much of the planning now under way in this field.

On behalf of the Board, I wish to thank you, Paul, for your long and unstinting efforts as CODIB Chairman. I hope that we can

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continue to count on your wise counseling and that you will give  
[ ] the benefit of your wide experience as he takes over  
this challenging and difficult job.

Cordially,

Richard Helms

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